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FOR: VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH )  
FACTOR (VEGF) NUCLEIC ACID )  
LIGAND COMPLEXES )  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a)

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.312(a), Applicant respectfully requests early entry of the following amendments into the above-identified application. This Amendment document is submitted to update prior application information and to correct minor typographical errors in the Specification and in claim 2. A Notice of Allowability was mailed in the application on March 31, 1999. Enclosed is a copy of a new Declaration and Power of Attorney containing the continuation application data. The original Declaration and Power of Attorney will be submitted under separate cover.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 19, delete "Ligand" and insert --Ligands--.

At page 2, line 13, before "Nucleic" insert --Method for Identifying--.

At page 3, line 20, after "Structure," insert --abandoned in favor of United States Patent

D1 Application Serial No. 08/198,670, now United States Patent No. 5,707,796,--.

At page 3, line 28, before "now" insert --abandoned in favor of United States Patent

D2 Application Serial No. 08/443,957, .

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